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FOR WILLIAM NANCE, AID/NE/ME/L

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO US BY USYG BUFFUM'S
OFFICE ON AUGUST 30.

2. TEXT OF MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO BUFFUM FROM SADRUDDIN AGA
KHAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

1. AM PLEASED AND ENCOURAGED THAT US MIGHT NOW BE
IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS INITIATION OF RELIEF
PROGRAMME IN LEBANON. MY REPLY TO YOUR 102 WAS DELAYED IN
THE HOPE THAT FOLLOWING THE MOST RECENT EVENTS IN LEBANON
THE CONDITIONS THERE WOULD ALLOW ME TO PUT TO YOU A
CONCRETE PLAN OF IMMEDIATE ACTION BY MY OFFICE WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF UN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON. UNFORTUNATELY THE
PREVAILING CONDITIONS OF SECURITY AND INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION
DO NOT SEEM TO ALLOW ACTION AS YET BUT I AND COLLEAGUES
HERE STAND READY TO TAKE PART IN UN ASSISTANCE AS SOON AS
FEASIBLE.

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2. CURRENT POSITION IS THAT FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

OF UN HEADQUARTERS UNHCR STARF ARE NOT ABLE TO BE PRESENT IN LEBANON. PROBLEMS OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION IN LEBANON AND OVERALL LOGISTICS OF EMERGENCY SUPPLY OPERATION WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE AND DETAILED PLAN OF ASSISTANCE COULD BEST BE PRODUCED AFTER ON THE SPOT ASSESSMENT. NEVERTHELESS I UNDERSTAND THAT FIRST PRIORITY IN PROVIDING RELIEF AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO THOSE AFFECTED BY EVENTS WOULD INCLUDE:

A. FOOD TO SUPPLEMENT LIMITED AVAILABLE DIET AND TO PROVIDE FOR BASIC NEEDS OF THE DESTITUTE;

B. BASIC MEDICINAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS VACCINES, ANTIBIOTICS, WATER PURIFICATION ITEMS AND PESTICIDES;

C. PROTECTIVE MATERIAL SUCH AS BLANKETS.

THE ASSISTANCE WHICH MY OFFICE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE THROUGH WHO AND ICRC IN SUPPLY OF FOOD AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS WILL SOON BE EXHAUSTED AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER CASH FUNDS AVAILABLE.

3. I SHALL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SITUATION CLOSELY AS BEFORE AND COORDINATE WITH YOU ANY PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ACTION. I HOPE THAT THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE BY END SEPTEMBER. END QUOTE.
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